

Hoppers Crossing Soccer Club Newsletter



2012 Look ahead

Since the end of the 2011 season there have been a number of changes within the club. Firstly we have weathered the impact of the drought, poor grounds and lack of training areas. The main ground is also under repair. The club website is a user friendly site that caters for all members' needs and access to our club sponsors. There are also a number of other decisions and initiatives, which the club will embark on in the 2012 year. The club successfully celebrated **40 years in 2011** with 300 past and present players, partners and supporters gathering at the Werribee Race Track Function Centre.

When looking at what is happening at the club please remember that we are essentially a self-sufficient club without the ongoing support of a social or gambling venue. This places a greater emphasis on the club fundraising from within and also restricts the clubs expenditure in areas such as coaching and equipment. Please take the time to read this newsletter in its entirety and if questions arise take the opportunity to ask one of the Committee members or even email me info@hopperscrossingsc.com.au

All the best for 2012, we hope it will be a year to remember.

Peter Wilkinson
HCSC President

Club Update

It is our ambition to improve the fully functioning clubroom, and organise social events throughout the year.

How Can I Help? Excellent question? There are a number of ways you can assist in 2012 and beyond.

- Pay club membership in one instalment. This frees up collectors to work on other projects.
- Grange levy payment – required to ensure all members contribute in some way to fitting out the facility.
- Volunteer for a position vacant at the club or apply for one of our volunteer tasks.
- Embrace some of the other fundraising initiatives such as attending fundraising functions when they are held.
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Please remember we only get ONE opportunity to do things right at the start of the season.

***Do you have the passion? Can you directly help your child's team? Can you assist at training?
Yes we want you to help in the canteen, it's not hard firstly ask us how and step forward.***

Website: Continually updated ready and for 2012

www.hopperscrossingsc.com.au

Membership & Fees

Once all junior squads are finalised in March, all junior players must pay fees in 2012.

- Payments made before first league Game fee collection dates to be advised.
- Players, who have not paid, will not be allowed to play until full payment is made.
- An administration fee \$25.00 has been added to avoid any further fee increase please choose to pay full amount.
- Fees will be available once all increased costs have been facted in.

(NB – these fees include the mandatory \$50 club membership but DO NOT include the 2012 Grange Levy (\$50 see on right)

Grange Levy

In order to assist in funding the move to the Grange in 2005 the Executive introduced a levy across all members. This levy is set at \$50, which will be used exclusively on the Grange to purchase furniture and fittings (canteen equipment, refrigeration etc). All members (including Life Members have been levied this fee, the only exception will be Grange Foundation members who have already provided substantial financial assistance to the project.

HCSC VISION

To be the most outstanding sporting body in the City of Wyndham, by providing opportunity and quality soccer to residents and enable maximum community participation.

The HCSC ACADEMY

10 reasons why we need an Academy

- ❑ It's a known fact that an individual player will touch the ball for less than 45 seconds in a 15 minute game.
- ❑ At the Academy a player will touch the ball for at least 45 minutes
- ❑ Skills & drills sessions repeated over a period of time will eventually improve young players.....practice makes perfect
- ❑ Boredom, a child will never get bored if he/she can do the task with skill & flare.
- ❑ This concept is a world trend especially in France and Holland.
- ❑ The FFV do not run full competitive leagues until under 12'S.
- ❑ The Academy rewards improving players. Encouragement is essential at the age of first contact with a Soccer ball.
- ❑ The Academy evaluates continuous improvement of each player.
- ❑ The Academy assists all other junior team coaches in providing quality training to improve older junior players
- ❑ Its great value for your dollar. \$*** now -\$20 million a year, playing for Manchester United or Liverpool in 2015
- ❑ Its fun & it works

A & B TEAM AGE GROUP GRADING

WHY?

Playing with and against players of their own abilities, furthers development, and participation at the level they can maintain with every year taking their learning of the game forward.

As children develop they will continually step up as their own physical growth and development allows.

Individual players need to be recognised and supported by whatever means that will encourage each player as a team player, as a squad player.

Please don't think of A's and B's being any better or less because of where the children play. Enjoy what our players deliver.

Junior News

The 2012 season will see some difference in the way Junior Football is approached by HCSC, some of this will be noticeable and some will be behind the scenes. On the coaching front the club is pleased to announce some new initiatives:

- **School of Excellence** Mick Brooks will start a school of excellence in February with selected players.
- **Working with children checks** for coaches & managers – all coaches new and existing will be expected to have a working with children clearance prior to coaching. This is a proactive measure by the club aimed at providing peace of mind for parents and lifting the professionalism of HCSC that extra notch.
- **SSF'S** (small sided football) **The changing face of football**, new FFV changes to be implemented in 2012.
- **Team Managers** – will be given a special managers pack each to assist in the care of the team and their equipment. Managers will also receive reimbursement for money spent during the year on performing their role.
- **Volunteers** – All clubs require help to run this side of the club, canteen, functions and special occasions where time commitment is needed.

SPONSORSHIP

Although HCSC tries to promote a club first approach we are aware that members are primarily interested in their son or daughters team.

Sponsorship of the club in 2012 is a very important financial support process for the club.

If you are interested in organising sponsorship for the club please see the Committee members.

The clubs sponsors cannot be compromised or any conflicts of interest between businesses that create situations the club cannot control. It is important that any sponsor receives the recognition for their valuable support.

The clubs sponsors cannot be compromised undermined or HCSC exposed to financial loses by improper dealings.

Sponsorship Conditions

Club sponsorship packages are available for signage etc.

1. Prior to any sponsorship occurring a proposal needs to be presented and approved by the HCSC Committee. This proposal shall contain details of the sponsorship and the proposal shall also contain the nature of the sponsorship and the expected revenue and
2. All sponsorship applications **MUST** be approved by the **Committee FIRST**.
3. Sponsorship agreements apply to the 2012 season only and will need to be renegotiated for subsequent years unless prior agreement is made and a process is agreed.
4. The HCSC Committee may alter, delete or add conditions as they see fit or as different situations develop.
5. No use of club logo without consent of the Committee.
6. The club as a whole is always the 1st choice in any Sponsorship application.

MONEY HANDLING PROCESS MUST ALSO BE AGREED TO BY HCSC.

Working Club Positions (Including but not limited to)

Canteen Manager Joe Failla/Andrew Cassar.

- Food preparation qualifications desirable
- Expected to stock and organise canteen personal on weekends throughout season.
- Please send letter of application and short CV to HCSC, PO Box 1009, Werribee Plaza, 3029.

Junior Head Coach Mike Brooks.

- Volunteer position – reimbursement of authorised expenses will be met by HCSC.
- Expected to ensure sound coaching methodologies are employed throughout HCSC at all junior levels.
- Management of training times and assist junior coaches in issues as they arise.

Sponsorship Manager Joe Failla/Peter Wilkinson.

- Expected to source new sponsors and sell defined sponsorship packages. Also required to organise sponsors day at club and ensure sponsors are catered for re tickets etc for defined events.
- HCSC will direct manager to a number of sources if and when they become known.
- Liaison with all club sponsors to ensure relationship is profitable for ALL parties.

Fundraising Manager Deb Brooks/Caroline Lambrakakis.

- Expected to manage most of fundraising activities within HCSC.
- Management of team fundraising initiative – collection of monies and ensure proper accounting practices are being followed by teams.
- Fundraising opportunities may include function nights, raffles, auction etc (will need to be approved by Executive)
- Please send letter of application including brief outline of your ideas to HCSC, PO Box 1009, Werribee Plaza, 3029.
- If you think you interested?

Executive – General Committee Member

- How do I get elected, prior to the Annual General Meeting held every year fill out relevant letter and obtain two financial members signatures for your nomination.
- PO Box 1009 Werribee Plaza 3029.
- 2 year term, you can be re-elected.
- Up to 4 ordinary members can serve at any one time.

Other Positions

HCSC are always on the lookout for good help, there are plenty of jobs to do either your self or help with. Some include marking grounds, cleaning, assisting with financials, working behind canteen/bar or just giving a hand when one is required. If you have any ideas of believe you may be able to assist the club, please speak to one of the Committee, email info@hopperscrossingssc.com.au or phone Peter 0432 597 702.

Meet Some of Your Committee

Did you know?

- That members of the Committee some have played and coach at the club since 1972.
- 2 Life members and all currently coaching at junior team level.
- **Peter Wilkinson** (President) played in the first ever soccer season 1972 at HCSC (then Mossfiel Rangers), he also represented Victoria at junior level. Peter Wilkinson was a member of the committee when the club moved to the K&E Slack Pavilion 1991.
- **Anthony McGowan** (Secretary) played many a year in juniors, seniors and reserves teams throughout the 70's - 80's – 90's. is also the Academy coach for all the young new players.
- **Caroline Lambrakakis** 3 boys playing 2 in age based teams 1 in the Academy.
- **Andrew Cassar** junior coach, volunteer worker 2 boys playing in 2012.

Grange Artificial Pitch

- Yes a plastic surface.
- What do we wear? Normal boots, grass cats.
- Yes its all weather.
- No more mud.
- **No smoking Tell PARENTS to *Quit***
- Respect the ground, remove your rubbish.
- Clean your boots before training.
- Quality lighting now installed (December)
- Lighting 100 lux training, 200 lux Competition.
- Surface 10 years expected life.

And yes no more lines to be marked.

Senior News

The seniors are currently back training for the 2012. They're a few new faces and the return of a number of old faces.

2011 Best & Fairest – C.Harding.

2011 R/Up – Joe Nave.

2011 Third – Alister Smart.

Senior Coach - Joey Vella.

Reserves – Craig Moore.

The seniors are the pinnacle of football at HCSC and welcome support during their 2012 campaign. If you have a free Saturday afternoon during the season, come down and have a look. Join in the cheer, laughs and occasional songs with the Reds supporters and witness the spirit of the senior & reserve teams first hand.

We continue the development of the young players some who have progressed through from the junior ranks of the club into the senior playing group.

The club may see the veteran Chris Harding tie on his boots again in 2012.

Grange Sponsorship

Do you have a business or know a business, which can help?

- 3-5 year sponsorship packages, including signage, website promotion.
- Business exposure with fence signage and suitable internal signage available.
- Invitation to special events.
- Marketing advantages throughout the club.
- Ability to help HCSC and community of Wyndham in development of soccer for everyone.

Please ask committee for a professionally printed booklet on this fantastic opportunity to be part of local history.

Very Special Kids HCSC CHARITY DAY

Yes the clubs charity, the club is proud to announce its support of
VERY SPECIAL KIDS.

2012 CHARITY GAME AND ASSOCIATED
FUNCTION

Date to be advised.

The committee thanks the volunteers, players & the sponsors for their commitment to this the day.

Contact - Doug Harrower 0420 300 763

Very Special Kids

Player Insurance

Insurance is a necessary evil with life, we as a club obviously cannot ignore the need to protect our members. What you may or may not know is that all players (registered) with HCSC are insured via the FFV. The insurance component is part of a players registration cost and is underwritten by **JLT Sport** jiltssport@ilta.com.au The most important advice we can give when dealing with an injury is to see a doctor in the first instance for a referral to a physio, chiro or other medical professional. this is mandatory under the policy and if you don't do it, you won't be covered. A number of members at the club have suffered through not knowing about this clause.

Contact - JLT on 1300 130 373 or FFV 9474 1800 for further information.

Membership Cards 2012

It is hoped that the 2012 season will again see the club membership card available. Place your business on the reverse side? It is envisaged that this card will contain some discount vouchers printed on the reverse side. We also anticipate these discounts will see members supporting those who help the club financially.

Please consider our sponsors when making purchases as they help us. (More news to follow)

HCSC is managed by a small band of volunteers. If you wish to ask questions please contact one of the Committee members. We aim to do the best by the club and are willing to answer any questions you may have. Please remember though it is easy to point out a problem, the smart ones point out a solution. Contact club on info@hopperscrossingsc.com.au Peter 0432 597 702